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SUBJECT:

Great Lakes Carbon Corporation

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The September 27, 1985 report for the Great Lakes Carbon Corporation, Niagara Falls, New York was reviewed in order to determine the need for a preliminary assessment. While a field visit was not conducted, information contained in the report was supplemented with a phone conversation with Joseph Mayo and Ronald Naman, the FIT project manager and regional project manager, respectively.

The area of major concern is the 7 acre landfill which is 7-8 feet in height and contains carbon particles, graphite, coal dust, sand, carbon fines, block graphite and construction rubble. At the time of the FIT inspection no leachate was observed. However, the landfill is neither lined nor capped.

The site is an active facility, completely fenced with a security guard. The area is believed to be devoid of both public and private drinking water wells. However, the small creek on the west side of the property discharges to the Niagara River, an undetermined distance, upstream of public drinking water supply intakes. The creek water and sediment was sampled by the FIT. Semi-volatile compounds were found in the sediment but none were found in the water column. Note that this creek also borders the CECOS landfill. It is unknown what, if any, impact the creek could have on the river.

Based on this limited information, it appears the site does not qualify for immediate removal at this time. We suggest that the SIC Branch and/or the NY/Caribbean Remedial Branch continue to assess this site and advise us, if a removal action under CERCLA appears warranted in view of the additional data they develop.

